Service conditions of CGHS Doctors

*351. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in the 'Patriot' and the 'Indian Express' of the 16th June, 1990, under the captions 'Doctors in arms against Government move' and 'CGHS doctors oppose move to promote GDMOs', respectively;

(b) if so, whether the High Power Committee, set up by Government for cadre review in the Central Health Service proposed to treat all the three sub-cadre of specialists teaching, specialists non-teaching and General Duty Medical Officers as independent and in water tight compartment; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government also propose to consider the conversion of non-functional posts in Central Health Scheme in the pay scale of Rs. 4500-5700 into functional posts in the pay scale of Rs. 5900-6700 irrespective of vacancies of functional posts;

(d) whether Government also propose to introduce parity between Central Health Scheme doctors and other Group 'A' services by giving the weightage for the late entry of the doctors in service; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The High Power Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The matter has to be considered on receipt of the report of the High Power Committee.

Impact of Blockade by AASU on oil production in the State

*352. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the blockade by the All Assam Students' Union in recent days has disrupted the flow of oil from that State and also resulted in the decline in oil production ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The All Assam Students' Union (AASU) gave a call for an Oil Blockade from 15th August till 24-8-1990. As a result pumping of crude oil in OIL's pipeline from Duliajan to Barauni came to a halt. The blockade was finally lifted w.e.f. 27th of August, 1990. The Sibsagar District Students' Union (SDSU), which is a unit of AASU had also called for an 'ONGC Bandh' from 7th August, 1990 which was still continuing as of 30-8-1990. As a result most of the production installations and drilling operations of ONGC in Assam have come to a halt. Due to these agitations, total loss of crude oil production is estimated to be about 200,000 tonnes, while loss of pumping in the pipeline and crude processing in the refineries is estimated to be about 210,000 tonnes. The losses are estimated to be valued at about Rs. 70 to 80 crores at current international prices. Government had urged the Government of Assam to intercede to lift the oil Blockade and ONGC Bandh. While the oil Blockade has been lifted and crude has started flowing to the refineries, the ONGC Bandh was still continuing as of 30-8-1990.